Determined

Kendrick Lamar

"I want to describe my discovery in the simplest terms possible because it will reveal to you why it is true that whatever the mind can conceive and believe, the mind can achieve regardless of how many times you have failed in the past or how lofty your aims and hopes may be"

Go getter, with no cheddar Just a white tee and a swap meet sweater My life is likely to see great endeavors But I can't win if I can't get it together What I gotta do in order to see success? Having the world's best to call me the best Pull up at the Grammy Awards as best-dressed with an address next to a beautiful actress A dollar and a dream, I feel J. Cole Word to the hole in my pocket and the hoes that don't wanna fuck with a broke nigga with ambition But the last I checked, y'all was broke bitches Make a name for myself then bubble like the ass of Buffy when she wearing a tight belt The homies on the block can say whatever they say I don't wanna be a killer, I wanna be a Gates

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And when I do it, I do it again, then I go back When I do it, I'll do it again, then I go back Thug it out, but for now I'm willing to dug it out I gotta grind, grind

So welcome to the story of my life See I'm tryna get right off the shit that I write Make a fortune, buy some Porsches for my momma and the wife Pop's engine in this old school run tight! But as you listening to K. D-O-T Me and my girl split the bucket at KFC She listening to Drake and all I can say Damn, these niggas that much better than me? Baby, I don't think this is meant to be cause I'm always losing self-esteem She paused the iPhone, then said huh I repeated what I said, then she replied shut up You know you the best boy, you gotta keep doing it But don't forget when you do, just keep you in it And never listen to what the industry say Don't be a typical artist, be more like Jay Russell, Barry Gordy, Quincy Jones Bob Johnson, Sean Combs, L.A. Reid Young black entrepreneurs did what it took to succeed, yeah So I gotta see success I gotta make it off them Rosecrans steps Rising to the top like a soda shook up Bout to pop, and I'll pop on whoever's in my way

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Yeah, I swear to God I don't wanna do it, just live man I wanna live good Just wanna make my momma proud, y'know? I don't wanna be hard, I don't want the most stripes I got lil' brothers and sisters man, I'm the oldest nigga I just want it, I just want it and I'ma get it